THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.4969 of 2007

Date: 12.03.2007

Between:

A.Venkatarao

....Petitioner

and

The Government of A.P. and another

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner states that he is the owner and possessor of the property admeasuring 303 sq.yards (plot Nos.123 part, 124 and 125 part of Chandra Gardens) in Survey Nos.138/4A, 138/4B, 149/1 and 156/2 of Adavivaram Village, Chinagadili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, and that he intended to sell the said property and went to the office of the second respondent along with the prospective buyer. According to him, the document executed by him was presented to the second respondent for registration. The grievance of the petitioner is that the second respondent is not accepting the documents for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said survey number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1].

Once the sole basis for the second respondent to refuse registration had disappeared, he is under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to receive and process the documents presented by the petitioner and take necessary steps in accordance with the provisions of the Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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12.03.2007

Note: issue c.c. in three days.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77